Activity	No. of Project	RIDF Loan Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Irrigation Potential (Ha.)
Major Irrigation	14	464.40	212278
Medium Irrigation	11	441.71	70144
Miner Irrigation	286	536.71	123286
Total:	311	1442.82	405708

Project-wise details for 1995-96 to 2007-08 as provided by NABARD is given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 1]

Level of ground water

†613. SHRIMANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water crisis is increasing day by day and the level of availability of ground water is going down by one metre every year in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the views of Government alongwith the details thereof for the last ten years;

(c) whether it is a fact that a scheme meant for resolving this very serious problem affecting the lives of the people of whole nation is under consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) According to observations by Central Ground Water Board, the level of ground water is falling in certain parts of country. The main reasons for this fall are withdrawal of ground water in excess of annual recharge, increase in the demand for various types of uses, reduced recharge to aquifers due to urbanization and free electricity for extraction of ground water in some States.

State Government and Central Government have taken action for water harvesting and ground water recharge to arrest decline in the levels of ground water. The Ministry of Water Resources have a scheme on "Artificial Recharge to Ground Water through dugewells" in seven States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

Water management programme in Goa

614. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Command Area Development and Water Management Programme are being implemented in Goa;

(b) the details of the activities undertaken under the scheme by agencies implementing the scheme;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

financial assistance given to Government agencies/organization since the commencement of the scheme; and

the details as regards essential features of the scheme?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir. Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWN) programme was implemented in two projects in Goa namely, Salauli Project and Anjunem Project which were included under the programme in 1979-80 and 1985-86 respectively and the works in both the projects were completed in 2003-04. Tillary Irrigation Project has been recently included under the programme.

Under the completed projects, and levelling was carried out in 810 hectares, field channels were constructed in 10420 hectares and Warabandi was implemented in 20200 hectares.

The total Central assistance released to the State Government since inception till now under the programme is Rs.917.93.

The essential features of the scheme are construction of field channels, construction of field drains, implementation of Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and software activities such as trainings, demonstration, adaptive trials etc.

Central assistance to irrigation project

615. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

whether Government has decided to provide Central assistance to the tune of 90 per cent of the project cost to harness the irrigation and hydro-power potential of rivers across different States;

if so, the details of the river projects which have been earmarked;

whether projects across the Godavari, Krishna, Tungabhadra, Cauvery and Mahanadi rivers have been included under the Central Assistance Scheme;

if so, the details of the outlays proposed to be provided as grant; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV):

(a) to (e) Central Government has decided to provide 90% grant of the project cost to the projects included in Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of the following categories: —

(i) Major and medium projects benefiting drought prone/tribal/flood prone areas.

(ii) Major/medium projects and surface water Minor Irrigation schemes in the special category States and Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa State.

(iii) Surface water minor irrigation schemes in non special category States benefiting drought prone/tribal areas.